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Title:	Anti-Helicobacter Vaccine Composition for Use by the Subdiaphragmatic Systemic Route, and Combined Mucosal/Parenteral Immunization Method		

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on September 8, 2006, the Office indicates that claim 41 was previously canceled. In response, Applicants note that the prior filed amendment in which this claim was requested to be canceled, which was filed in this case on March 5, 2003, was not entered (see Advisory Action mailed on March 25, 2003; Paper Number 15). The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on September 5, 2003 was not filed with a request to enter the unentered amendment filed on March 5, 2003. Rather, the RCE was filed with amendments, although similar to those filed on March 5, 2003, which differed from those of March 5, 2003

(see, e.g., the unentered amendment canceling claim 41 that was filed on March 5, 2003, and the amendment filed with the RCE on September 5, 2003, in which this claim was not canceled). Applicants thus submit that the amendment filed on September 5, 2003 is in compliance with the rules and that the amendment be entered and considered with the Remarks accompanying the Amendment.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Although no charges are believed to be due, if there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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